



Fleischer 1-3-3-5

*For 2664*

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent Application

Applicant(s): Fleischer et al.  
Case: 1-3-3-5  
Serial No.: 10/053,079  
Filing Date: January 17, 2002  
Group: 2664  
Examiner: Binh Quoc Nguyen

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited on this date with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Signature: *Robert B. Blakely* Date: January 17, 2006

Title: Fast and Scaleable Approximation Methods for Finding Minimum Cost Flows with Shared Recovery Strategies and System Using Same

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Response to Office Action relating to the above-identified patent application. There is no additional claim fee due in connection with the Amendment.

In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **Deposit Account No. 50-0762** as required to correct the error. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully,

*Kevin M. Mason*

Kevin M. Mason  
Attorney for Applicant(s)  
Reg. No. 36,597  
Ryan, Mason & Lewis, LLP  
1300 Post Road, Suite 205  
Fairfield, CT 06824  
(203) 255-6560

Date: January 17, 2006



Fleischer 1-3-3-5

**IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**5 PATENT APPLICATION**

Applicant(s): Fleischer et al.  
Case: 1-3-3-5  
Serial No.: 10/053,079  
10 Filing Date: January 17, 2002  
Group: 2664  
Examiner: Binh Quoc Nguyen

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited on this date with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Signature: *Robert B. Black* Date: January 17, 2006

15 Title: Fast and Scaleable Approximation Methods for Finding Minimum Cost Flows  
with Shared Recovery Strategies and System Using Same

---

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

20

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

25

Sir:

30 In response to the outstanding Office Action, dated October 17, 2005, Applicants  
submit the following remarks.